





## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

In special Dispatch to the Louisville Journal.  
Memphis, Nov. 26.

Weather cloudy, with occasional rains, and getting cold.

The river is falling, with six feet on the bars from Cairo to Vicksburg.

The arrivals continue irregular, owing to the fog and low water. In the lower Arkansas there are 18 inches water.

Business is dull.

The Edinburgh has loaded yet.

Down-Rubicon and McPhane, Up-McDonald and Commonwealth.

A fire early this morning destroyed the Boston No. 2, lying below the levee. She was owned by Dean, of Cincinnati, and Wait, of Memphis. She was valued at \$4,000, and was fully insured. She was nothing but a hull and a cabin, her machinery having been removed. She was brought down here to be sold and converted into a wharf-hotel.

The M. S. Stephen had up in a fog a New Madrid Saturday night, and, by invitation of the Captain, some of the residents of the ship came aboard to join with the passengers in a dance. During the evening some intoxicated sailors came aboard and called for whisky, which was denied them, whereupon they drew revolvers and fired into the cabin, but fortunately wounded no one. After some trouble they were put ashore, when they again fired, pouring volleys into the state-rooms. Captain McDonald was slightly grazed by a ball, which passed between his legs, and a passenger was likewise grazed on the breast.

Cotton closed heavy at 14½ bbl. The stock on hand is 12,000 bales.

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The Methodist convention met in their church this afternoon—W. F. Butler, of Jefferson County, President. There are sixty counties represented. The proceedings are harmonious and orderly. There is a disposition manifested by the members to conciliate all animosity. The President made a specific speech, and said that the colored men contended for civil and political rights—not social equality in any respect. Adjourned.

Other delegates are expected.

Meetings held to-night in different places.

## FORTIETH CONGRESS.

### FIRST SESSION.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.

Mr. Conklin presented a memorial from the Union League Club asking Congress to prevent the mastership of the volunteer service General Stetson and Howard. Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Ingerson introduced a bill relative to the appointment of Assistant Attorney-General, providing the same shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate. Mr. Wilson suggested that the property of this office should be given to the War Department.

Mr. Brownell, of Illinois, offered a resolution that sufficient greaves be at times supplied for the wants of the people in the exclusion of all other paper currency.

The House refused to second the previous question, and Farnsworth rising to debate, it went over.

Burr offered a resolution that the Committee on Ways and Means take into the expediency of modifying the existing laws so as to impose tax on distilled liquors.

The House adjourned their respective houses without day on Monday next at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Sumner suggested that it be made 12 o'clock. Would they ask him to leave? He replied, "Yes." To which he added, "which he could take advantage of their absence to make an appointment which, as the next Congress might sit until midsummer or autumn, might be well naut the last of that session."

Mr. Grimes modified the resolution accordingly.

Mr. Sherman did not see that any object could be made by passing the resolution. The Senator said, "I would be satisfied without taking that course."

Mr. Ingerson said there was no great danger to be apprehended from a hiatus of an hour, but he suggested that it be adjourned at 12 o'clock.

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